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WASHINGTON--REP. WILLIAM C. CRAMER, D-FLA., SAID TODAY THAT A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED HIS "SUSPICIONS" THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CONSIDERING SOME PARTICIPATION IN THE RANSOM FOR 1,113 CUBAN INVASION PRISONERS.

CRAMER SAID IN A STATEMENT HE WAS INFORMED "THAT THERE IS PRESENTLY UNDER WAY 'CONTINGENCY PLANNING' IN THE EVENT THE (PRIVATE PRISONER) COMMITTEE TURNS TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORT BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ADEQUATE COLLECTIONS TO MEET (PREMIER FIDEL) CASTRO'S DEMANDS.

CRAMER SAID HE WAS TOLD THIS IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ROBERT A. HURWITCH, SPECIAL ASSISTANT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

CRAMER SAID HE ALSO ASKED "IF ANY CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO THE RANSOMING OR FREEING OF UNITED STATES PRISONERS AND I WAS INFORMED BY MR. HURWITCH, 'WE NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT -- IT SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA.'"

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